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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows (delete the bracketed portion and insert the underlined portion):

a' An article identifying system for allowing a user, especially a visually handicapped person to identify an article correctly. [An] The article identifying system 1 comprises a communication tags 100, each of which is attached to an article, and an information output device 200. Each of the communication tags 100 comprises: a memory 140 for storing an identifier assigned to the article with each of the communication tags 100; and an antenna 110 and a transceiver 120 for transmitting the stored identifier wirelessly. The information output device 200 comprises: a memory 230 for storing the information data **[which is related to the article so that the information data is]** associated with the identifier assigned to that article; an antenna plate 210 forming a planar surface on which one or more articles can be placed and a transceiver 220 for receiving the identifier from the communication tag 100 when the article with the communication tag is placed in a communication area on the planar surface; **[an information data reading function 271 for reading out the information data from the memory 230; and an information output function 272]** and a speaker 260 for outputting the **[read]** information data from the memory 230.
